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**The Games We Used to Play.**  
Prisoners' base, blindman's buff, London bridge, hare and hound, duck on the rock! What a wealth of childhood recollections these charmed names call to our minds! We learned these games from our older brothers and sisters who in turn learned them from the children who preceded them into the realms of childhood, and our great-grandparents before us learned these same games from the children who were a little older than they.

It is said that many of these games were old when Babylon was young, and that they have been handed down by oral tradition from one generation of childhood to another. It is only recently that grown folk have bothered their heads to study these traditional games of childhood and to probe into their depths to find there some hidden secrets and to find in the curious symbolism and language of these games something analogous to the strange rites and mysteries of the savages of the present time.

And now just when we grown-ups are beginning to turn our thoughts to serious study of these games of our childhood we receive the astonishing information that children are no longer interested in these primitive games. A careful investigation carried on by a member of the Sage Foundation shows that children now prefer the mature diversion of baseball and the movies. Reading and kite flying are their third and fourth choice of amusement. Only one boy in thousand of those investigated even mentioned the old-time traditional games of childhood.

What does this mean? Can it possibly be that the modern child is growing weary of the old games that have been childhood's heritage for countless ages, and that the child of the future will know none of the pleasures of these primitive games that were so dear to our own playdays?

**WANTED—A NEW OVERSHOE.**  
Women Feel the Need of Suitable Covering for Dainty Footwear.

There is urgent need for a new sort of overshoe that will solve an ever-present problem for the woman of average means, who must go forth in the evenings on street cars or in other public conveyances.

It is a great nuisance to carry slippers in a handbag, no matter how beautiful or how costly the bag may be, for it is troublesome to remove street shoes. At the theater or at afternoon affairs, where the slipping off of an overshoe is easy, a change of footwear is impossible, and so many of the foolishly sisterhood risk their health by venturing out on cold days shod merely in silk hosiery and satin slippers.

It is true that warm carriage shoes are sold for the fortunate possessors of limousines, and a few brave women do wear them after dark on the street cars, but they give an absurdly clumsy appearance that only the courageous or the strong minded are willing to present. These lined foot warmers trimmed with fur are all right in the bottom of a motor car, and they are perfect when put to their right use, but it should be better needed for the average woman and the everyday girl.

The articles made for stormy weather are the only high overshoes on the market and they are absurd when seen peeping out beneath the hem of an evening gown. What is needed is a shoe fitting, well made overshoe with a thin rubber sole and a thin upper lining, an overshoe that can be worn with an afternoon reception gown, with a dinner dress, or with itself. It should not be difficult for the shoe-maker to produce this longed-for device for the comfort of the thousands of women who attend all sorts of entertainments where elaborate costumes are required, women who can afford to dress well and yet, perform, must deny themselves the luxury of carriage or taxicab.

The overshoe for the relief of those who have no motor cars should have a pointed toe and should be made to fit over high heels; it should button or fasten easily and it should be comfortable. It should not be too warm, but it should be above all things, of good shape. The manufacturer who invents it will be sure of a fortune if he can protect his patent.

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## Can You Make Really Good Tea?

It is as Difficult as Boiling an Egg Right—New Devices for the Tea Table Include Electric Toasters.

The tea table, with humming kettle, gleaming silver, dainty china, and tempting sandwiches or little cakes, is an institution to contentment and happiness. But often the cup of tea brewed by the woman who presides over the table brings quick disillusionment. Contentment is the deal of happiness that comes with the first draft of the luke-warm, bitter, overcast liquid which goes under the name of tea.

In novels written thirty or forty years ago, when the impractical, helpless sort of woman was the heroine, she generally made the statement somewhere between covers that she could not cook, excepting to make toast and tea. Probably no ideas about the brewing of this beverage were as vague and unforfeited as her inability to contentment and happiness. The tea she made would have borne a close resemblance to the dark and mysterious mixture already referred to. For it takes a good deal of sound sense to make tea as it should be made.

Boiling water which has been put in the kettle fresh and cold, and the cup of tea to follow if strong tea is desired, on the tea table or tea tray is, therefore, necessary, unless the tea is made in the kitchen and brought in a teapot.

**How Much Tea?**  
If the tea is made in a pot, it should be boiled for five minutes, according to the strength of the tea. The old rule of allowing a teaspoonful of tea for each cup and one for the pot is a good one to follow if strong tea is desired. Put the tea in the warm, dry pot, and the moment the water boils pour in a cupful for each teaspoonful of tea. Steep from one to five minutes, according to the kind of tea—Ceylon, for instance, gives its strength in a minute—and pour. Never let the tea stand more than five minutes. If stronger tea is wanted, more leaves must be used. The first cups poured will be weaker than those poured last, and if they are passed with this point in mind all tastes can be suited.

If tea is made in a ball, the same rule holds good about the fresh, boiling water. The ball should be held in the cup of water until it is sufficiently colored.

There is one objection to a ball which does not hold in the case of the tea strainer made with wide, flat rim to set over the edge of the cup. It is a difficult and somewhat graceless task to open the hot ball, remove the wet leaves neatly and make ready for a second cup of tea. When the open strainer is used, the wet leaves can be easily removed with a teaspoon.

A good cup of tea can be made with any sort of tea if boiling water is used, and if the tea is not allowed to steep until it is bitter. But there are many sorts of tea and blending and mixing at home will doubtless produce a flavor better liked than any which can be obtained ready mixed.

**Teas Black and Green.**  
Teas are either black or green. The familiar green teas are Gunpowder, Hyson, Young Hyson, and Imperial. The more usual black teas include English Breakfast, Oolong, Pekoe, Formosa, Scotch, and Ceylon. Green teas are more stimulating to the nerves, and therefore should always be used in combination with black teas.

Orange Pekoe of a good quality, which can be obtained at \$1 a pound, blended in small amounts with Ceylon, English Breakfast, or Oolong, brings out all the delicacy of flavor hidden in the tea leaves. Pekoe, Young Hyson, and English Breakfast form another good blend, and many persons think Oolong mixed with a third of its own weight of uncolored Japan tea, delicious.

The flavor of tea is further varied by the addition of sliced lemon, lemon slices of tea and blending and mixing at home will doubtless produce a flavor better liked than any which can be obtained ready mixed.

**What to Serve with Friendly Cup**  
Sandwiches of any sort, biscuits and crackers, unsweetened or sweet; toast or little cakes are all served with afternoon tea, but the keynote of this repast must be simplicity. The day when the overcautious hostess served salads and ices, jellies, and iced layer cake in the middle of the afternoon is over. After hospitality of that kind, the guests went to the dinner table with dulled appetites or none at all. The cup of tea at 4 or 5 o'clock, accompanied with a sandwich or two and a sweet biscuit or small cake, refreshes, but in no way interferes with the dinner served a few hours later.

## FOLK WE TOUGH IN PASSIVE

THE DREAM AND THE FACT.  
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AS The Woman sat in the glow of her open fire her mind was traveling over the Christmas holidays passed, and so much was there of memory that hurt the gentle and tender heart of her that tears welled up in her eyes and crept surreptitiously down her cheek.

Always, since she was a very little girl, The Woman had been noted for the quality of her compassion. She had never been able to look upon suffering without sharing it; never able to see want without feeling keenly her inability to supply it. She could not remember the time when she had not earnestly desired to carry sunlight into shadowy places, and her one great sorrow was that her means were sufficient only to herself.

But dreams cost no money, and so it was that The Woman spent many happy hours in dreaming of the things she would do if ever she could. And always her plans revolved around little children. Often she had wondered why God had never blessed her life with motherhood. She sometimes talked to The Man about it, and he, knowing how bitter had been her disappointment that there were no children in their home, invariably turned the subject. But The Woman thought of it more often than of anything else when she was alone, and in her heart of hearts many plans were perfected for the happiness of little children who come into the world with no chance of gaining the proper equipment for life.

The keen edge of joy in the gift-making season of which she had been thinking had been dulled for her because she knew that there were hundreds of children in her own city who had prayed for Santa Claus, believing, and whose



Why brood over sorrows you can't help! innocent faith had received a terrific blow on Christmas morning, and so absorbed was she in her thought of them and pity for them that she did not hear The Man open the front door nor see him as he watched her from the hall.

"Of what were you thinking so seriously?" queried The Man when he had kissed her.

"The little, little children who prayed for Santa Claus, believing," answered The Woman.

"Why brood over sorrows you cannot help!" asked The Man practically.

And The Woman, confident that he would not understand if she told him that the brooding was not by choice, made him no answer, but that night when she knelt before The Mercy Seat her prayer for the means with which to help those who needed her was more fervent than formerly and she arose with a sense of peace in her heart.

Wealth did not come to The Man and The Woman all at once. First it was a legacy left The Woman, and came as a surprise. A thousand places seemed waiting for it. The house needed refurbishing; The Woman needed clothes, and she told The Man that she was sure it would help their social standing if they had an automobile and would be a business asset to him as well as make a prosperous appearance, in all of which The Man agreed, but pointed out to The Woman that the legacy would just be enough to enable him to build big things for their future if she was willing to trust her money to him for a little spell, and The Woman, seeing the wisdom of his plan, agreed.

Nor was it until after the money had been invested and The Man was doing splendidly in his new business that The Woman's mind reverted to the children for whom she had prayed God to give her money. At first she told herself that she had betrayed them, but after a little she was comforted with the thought of the future as The Man assured her he would make it, and she gave herself up to plans for the splendid things she would do.

"I will not only give my money but myself to them," she said to herself. "I will not just build libraries. I will not donate vast amounts to orphanages. I will buy acres of ground and build a lovely village of homes, and into these I will gather the motherless babies—all that I can—and they shall never feel a consciousness of their dependence as long as they shall live."

Thus The Woman builded plans, and in them she was very happy because The Man was fast winning success, and it seemed as if the future would really be as big as he predicted.

The Man was on a sure financial footing before The Woman realized it, for success had been gradual and she had been so busy proportionately extending their social acquaintanceship; entertaining and being entertained, that she did not stop to measure the distance between today and the yesterday.

As she had grown more interested in her personal life and found the necessity for economy diminishing, she was less sensitive to the suffering of others. The world had grown so beautiful that it did not seem to her that it could contain such things as poverty and pain.

Then one day The Man came home to her with the news that he had put through a big deal that would make them very wealthy, and they sat far into the night planning a brilliant future. They would build a home in the most fashionable part of town. They would entertain lavishly. They would make life a gay and festive thing.

"Why," said The Man, "nothing is too splendid for you."

And The Woman, whose mind had become a panoramic vision of exquisite frocks and brilliant parties, looked up into his face and smiled, and into the smile there was woven nothing of her former compassion for the children of the very poor for whom she had prayed God to bless her life with a greater means of help.

## CHILDREN OF TODAY PREFER "MOVIES" TO OLD-FASHIONED GAMES

Investigation of Russell Sage Foundation Shows that Baseball Leads in Favor with Boys.

Old-time games, such as prisoners' base, leapfrog, blindman's buff, bull in the ring, hare and hound, and duck on the rock, are no longer favorites on the school grounds of today, at least with boys in Springfield, Ill., according to an investigation just completed by Leo F. Hamner and Clarence A. Purdy, of the Russell Sage Foundation. Less than one-tenth of 1 per cent, or about one boy in 1,000, in Springfield, mentioned any of these games. The only activities reported by over 50 per cent of the boys were baseball, motion picture shows, reading and kite flying.

Motion picture shows were equally popular with the girls, according to the report. The girls also indulged in jumping rope, roller skating, and hide and seek. Standard games like 1 spy, London bridge, fox and goose, button button, and blindman's buff are at the bottom of the list. Indulgence in these games are played by comparatively few girls.

An inquiry into the amusements of the high school students showed that practically all of the boys and girls attend the movies. Of the boys 86 per cent and of the girls 84 per cent attend the theater. The boys who attend average about once a week, and the girls almost as frequently. The majority of the visits to the theater are not made in the case of either sex with any other member of the family. Dancing is indulged in by 40 per cent of the boys and 48 per cent of the girls. A large number of the dances they attend are held in hotels. In 10 per cent of the boys' homes and in 48 per cent of the girls' homes parties for young people are not held.

The report gives a detailed recreational program. Among other things, it advocates the establishment of a department of physical training and play, a recommendation which is now being carried out, the purchase of a public school athletic field, co-operation between the board of education and the park board in the utilization of park playgrounds, and a system of school social centers to be carried on under the direction of the superintendent of school and principals and partially maintained by parent-teacher associations.

Other recommendations touching the schools are: School grounds to be open for play from the closing of the school to 5:30 or 6 p. m. and on Saturdays, with paid teachers or others equipped for such work in charge; playgrounds to be kept open and supervised during the summer; competent persons to be assigned to athletic fields after school hours and on Saturdays, also at stated hours in summer; school buildings to be constructed and equipped to serve as centers of civic, social and recreational activities.

**TOMORROW'S MENU.**  
"Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a stalled ox and hatred therewith."  
BREAKFAST.  
Malaga Grapes. Cereal and Cream. Mountain Muffins. Coffee.  
DINNER.  
Clear Tomato Soup. Roast Beef. Baked Potatoes. Squash. Pineapple Salad. Nuts. Raisins. Coffee.  
SUPPER.  
Waffles with Maple Syrup. Fruit. Tea.

Mountain Muffins—Pour a cupful and a quarter of scalding milk over a cupful of corn meal, the white kind. Cover and let it stand for ten minutes, then add a cupful of cold boiled rice. Mix and then add a cupful of flour with three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, and a teaspoonful of salt. Add two tablespoonfuls of melted butter and two beaten eggs. Beat hard and bake in a hot oven.

Pineapple Salad—Cut three slices of Hawaiian pineapple and a can of red pepper into narrow strips and chill. Then place on lettuce leaves and serve with mayonnaise dressing mixed with its own bulk of whipped cream.

Waffles—Sift together a quart of flour, half a teaspoonful of salt, a teaspoonful of sugar, and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Rub in a third of a cupful of butter and add three eggs, white and yolk beaten separately. Add enough milk to make a thin batter and bake in greased, hot waffle irons.

**HOROSCOPE.**

"The stars incline, but do not compel." Saturday, January 2, 1915.  
This is not a particularly lucky day, according to astrology. Mars rules strongly for evil, while Saturn is mildly benefic. The evening of this month is propitious time for the forming of plans or the seeking of favors, for the Sun is then in benefic aspect.

Under this rule it is wise to temperate in all appetites and to utilize equally the mental and physical powers. It is held to be a most unfortunate time to buy, especially machinery, surgical instruments, iron, steel, and hardware.

The prognostication is made that trouble will be generated from a new invention made in the United States.

As the adverse aspect of Mars has a tendency to make men impulsive and rash, this is not a propitious day for diplomacy or for official acts, since it is conducive to indiscretion. The exposure of rash acts will discredit an army man who represents the United States abroad.

While Saturn is friendly, leasing and real estate transactions are believed to be fortunate.

This should be a lucky configuration for mining. There is a prophecy that coal operations will profit greatly this month and next, owing to unexpected demands upon the world's store of fuel.

There is also a prophecy that they who own oil interests will derive benefits which will be used to aid the world, and the death of a man of wealth will reveal world-wide benefactions.

Repeatedly the seers forewarn the nation that immense expenditures of public money will be necessary in naval and military channels. The President must meet crucial problems, they prophesy, and he should conserve his strength.

Improvements in aerial navigation will mark the next few months, in which there will be much building of aeroplanes and other craft that sail above the earth. If the stars are correctly interpreted, the European war will develop new horrors each month through the winter and will continue for two years.

## Dishes Out of Routine For Dullest Palates

**FAMOUS WOMAN**  
Her Birthday And Yours  
January 2—M. Carey Thomas.

It would be hard to find a name that more truly stands for the typically intellectual woman than that of M. Carey Thomas, the celebrated president of Bryn Mawr College for women. Other presidents of women's colleges may have great executive ability, others may have achieved as much in some one direction of scholarship, others there may be who are as devoted to the cause of higher education of women, but there is not one who so strikingly stands out as the type of the purely intellectual woman as this woman, whose birthday is celebrated on January 2.

Miss Thomas was born in 1857, her father being a prominent physician and philanthropist of Baltimore. At the age of twenty Miss Thomas was graduated from Cornell College and went directly to Germany to complete her education. She completed a course of study, leading to the degree of Ph. D. at Leipzig, where she was twenty-five, but because she was a woman that famous old university refused her the honor of the degree. Then Miss Thomas applied at the University of Gottingen, and, being refused again, she applied at Zurich, where at last the degree was conferred, "summa cum laude," with highest honors. This Miss Thomas received the highest academic degree ever conferred upon a woman.

Returning home, Miss Thomas, at the age of twenty-six, was made dean of the then newly organized Bryn Mawr College, and through her untiring efforts she has practically made Bryn Mawr College what it is today. A few years later Miss Thomas was elected president of the college, and that post she still holds. Miss Thomas was made the first alumnae trustee of Cornell.

A very different type of woman is Lulu Muhlbach, later Mrs. Mundt, another woman who was born on January 2. She is one of the best known writers of German historical romances, and, like many German romance writers, she is frequently exceedingly sentimental. However, Lulu Muhlbach is still very much admired in Germany.

**Harry Lander Aids Relief Fund.**  
Harry Lander, a Scotch singer, today contributed \$5,000 to the Prince of Wales' fund for war sufferers.

## DANCE FROCKS FOR YOUNG GIRLS

A good season for many breakfast meats and fishes. To make a breakfast of good butter with a teaspoonful of sugar, a dash of parsley, the juice of half a lemon and a dash of nutmeg. Keep it in a cool place until it is needed. It will keep well for several days. Broiled salmon served with this butter sauce are especially appetizing. Dry the salmon thoroughly, roll them in salt, pepper and salt, and broil them over a brisk fire for five minutes on each side. Garnish them with parsley and lemon slices and spread maître d'hôtel butter over them.

Salmon Soufflé—A salmon soufflé is heavy for breakfast, but it is a tempting dish nevertheless. It is a tempting coffee and crisp toast, it constitutes a very satisfactory preparation for the morning's work. To make it, mix two ounces of butter and two of flour over the fire, and add gradually three cups of rich milk. Let the mixture come to a boil; then carefully stir in two yolks of three eggs, and season with pepper, salt, cayenne, and a dash of tarragon. Take from the stove. Remove skin and bones from three salmon and rub it to a paste with the stiffly beaten egg whites. Add the mixture carefully to the cooked sauce, pour at once into the soufflé or baking dish, sprinkle with fine bread crumbs and bits of butter and bake for thirty minutes. Serve immediately. It is well to make a cone of it in transit between kitchen and dining-room, as any draft or cold wind causes the soufflé to fall.

Liver and Bacon.—The most appetizing way of serving liver and bacon in the morning is to cut both liver and bacon in small pieces—each slice of bacon in response to a slice of liver—and mix with salt and pepper, fry them alternately in deep, boiling fat and slip them on pieces of toasted bread.

Broiled Potatoes.—Broiled potatoes can be served with any breakfast dish or as a separate dish. To prepare them, cut the potatoes lengthwise into slices a quarter of an inch thick. Dip them in flour, broil them brown on both sides and serve them with butter, pepper, salt and parsley.

Mixed Eggs and Eggs.—In these days of high-priced eggs a dish calling for both meat and eggs seems worse than extravagant. But minced veal and eggs are so good that the departure from economy which their preparation involves may be overlooked. To get them ready enough to eat, mix cold veal to make a pint. Add to it about half a teaspoonful of lemon juice, salt and pepper, a half teaspoonful of flour, a tablespoonful of butter and half a cup of stock or water. Cook briskly over the fire until the ingredients are blended. Serve on slices of toast and drop a poached egg in the middle of each.

Cream Muffins.—These muffins are exceptionally light and fluffy. To make them mix the yolk of one egg, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, a cupful of milk and half a cupful of melted butter. Sift a little flour in which two tablespoonfuls of baking powder are mixed into the mixture, then add the egg white, beaten to a stiff froth, and then more flour until a stiff batter results. Drop the batter on greased muffin tins and bake in a quick oven.

**YUAN TO RULE FOR LIFE.**  
President Also Obtains Legislation to Appoint Successor.

Pekin, Jan. 1.—Yuan Shih-kai has now obtained the passage of legislation making the first of the year the tenure of the Presidency and allowing him to nominate his successor.

Large numbers of German women and children are being repatriated from China via America, at the government's expense, owing to their penniless condition. Thus begins the general German evacuation of the East. Every day the war lasts is making the position of the German firms in the far East more desperate.

It is estimated that none but the strongest can keep their doors open beyond one year of warfare, as the "house of cards" of the German economy is being destroyed through construction failures are destroying even all purely Chinese business.

Above is a frock of white tulle, with a double, pointed tunic ending with bead embroidery. Below is a frock of bright blue tulle, over satin. A wide giraffe at the hips emphasizes the straight line from shoulder to ankle.